

Urban District Council of Pickering.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the Medical Officer of Health for the year ending
December 31st, 1946.

To the Chairman and Members of the Pickering Urban District Council

LADIES & GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you my Report on the health and sanitary conditions of your Area.

SECTION A. Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area

The Area of your District is 15,652 acres.

The estimated resident Population is 3,846.

The number of inhabited houses is 1,217.

The Rateable Value is £16,777, which produces a Penny Rate, £70 : 14 : 10 nett:

Social Conditions.

The inhabitants of the District are mainly occupied in agricultural pursuits.

Vital Statistics.

	Total	M	F	Birth Rate per 1,000 of population
	68	39	29	17.7
Live Births	{ Legitimate Illegitimate	{ 36 3	{ 26 3	
Still Births	{ Legitimate Illegitimate	{ 3 1	{ 3 1	55.5 per 1,000 total Births Live and Still
Deaths	46	20	26	11.96 per 1,000 of population.

Death rate of Infants under one year of age :—

All Infants per 1,000 Live Births	Total 4	Rate 58.8
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births	1	16.1
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births	3	500.0

No deaths occurred from Puerperal Sepsis.

No deaths occurred from other Puerperal Disease.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	...	...	8
„ Measles (all ages)	...	...	none
„ Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	...	none
„ Diarrhoea (under two years of age)			none

Causes of Death were :—

Heart Disease	18	Other Digestive Disease	1
Cancer	8	Other Violent Causes	1
Intracranial Vascular Lesions	5	Premature Birth	1
Pneumonia	2	Congenital Malformation	1
Nephritis	2	All Other Causes	5
Bronchitis	2		

SECTION B. General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

Public Health Officers of the Authority are :—

The M.O.H., Sanitary Inspector, District Nurses and the School Medical Officer.

Nursing in the Homes.

The District Nurses attend cases in the homes where necessary, except in infectious cases.

Laboratory Facilities.

The North Riding Laboratory, Scarborough, undertakes all necessary work.

Hospitals.

There is no change in former arrangements.

Ambulance Facilities.

The Motor Ambulance continues to be of the greatest service to the community.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

No alteration has been made in former arrangements.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

Percentage number of children per mid 1946 child population, immunised by 31st Dec., 1946

Age Group 0 to 4 (inclusive) 47 %

Age Group 5 to 14 (inclusive) 66 %

Water.

The Town Supply has been satisfactory, although there have been complaints from some parts of the Town of the taste of Chlorine. The chlorination of water for populations of over 1,000 is still compulsory, and in view of the suspicious nature of the samples taken some time ago is still a necessity, but it may be possible to install extra plant to eliminate the excessive taste. Bacteriological examinations have been frequent and during flood periods when contamination is likely the ordinary dose of Chlorine is increased. Most of the dwelling-houses are supplied from public water mains direct to houses.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

The following tabular statement is furnished by the Sanitary Inspector.

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I herewith submit the report on the Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

Number of visits under Public Health Acts	...	...	...	111
„ „ „ Housing Acts	...	...	...	140
„ „ to Dairies, Cowsheds, etc.	...	...	...	59
„ „ to works in progress	...	...	...	87
„ „ to Shops	...	...	...	41
Drains inspected and tested	...	...	...	27
„ „ „ found satisfactory	...	...	...	23
„ „ „ found defective	...	...	...	4

Shops and Offices.

No action has been found necessary under the Shops Acts.

Camping Sites.

No Licenses have been granted for Camping Sites, but action was necessary to close an unofficial Camp which had been established in the Town.

Smoke Abatement.

No nuisance exists from smoke in the Area.

Swimming Baths and Pools.

There are no Public Swimming Pools and the small indoor Bath formerly used for the instruction of School Children has not been re-opened through the lack of a suitable Water Purification Plant.

Meat and Other Foods.

All general slaughtering is carried out at a Central Abbatoir outside the District. Any articles of food condemned of worth while quantity are notified to the Ministry of Food Salvage Department.

Eradiction of Bed Bugs.

No cases of Bug infestation have been discovered but there have been a few cases of flea infestation.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

J. STOREY, A.R.S.I., M.I.H.,

Sanitary Inspector.

SECTION F. Prevalence & control over infectious & other Diseases.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1946.

Disease	Total Cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Dysentery (Sonné) ...	8	none	none
Measles ...	1	none	none
Smallpox ...	none	none	none
Scarlet Fever ...	1	none	none
Diphtheria ...	none	none	none
Enteric Fever, including Paratyphoid	none	none	none
Puerperal Fever ...	none	none	none
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	none	none	none
Pneumonia ...	3	none	none
Erysipelas ...	none	none	none
Whooping Cough ...	7	none	none

Cancer.

8 deaths occurred from Cancer during the year, 3 being Males and 5 Females.

Prevention of Blindness.

No action was necessary under Section 66 of the Public Health Act.

Tuberculosis.

New cases of Mortality during 1946 :—

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non Respiratory		Respiratory		Non Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 ...								
1 ...								
5 ...			1					
15 ..			1					
25 ...								
35 ...								
45 ...								
55 ...		1						
65 & upwards								
Totals...		1	2					

I am, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

D. L. FLETCHER,

Medical Officer of Health,

Pickering Urban District.